

Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event measures student's knowledge to make accurate observations of livestock. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education. Students are able to determine animals' traits then make logical decisions based on their observations. This event serves as a link for students to exhibit what they have learned in the classroom through hands on experience that is preparing them for careers in the livestock and related industries.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy and Visual and Performing Arts standards. Some examples of how the Livestock Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will develop, apply and reflect upon knowledge of the process of critique.

- Students apply the process of critique through the evaluation of animals. **[1.4 Visual and Performing Arts: Critique]**

All students will speak in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Through agricultural education, students learn speaking skills as it relates to the evaluation of an animal. **[3.3 Language Arts Literacy: Speaking]**

All students will access, view, evaluate, and respond to print, non-print, and electronic texts and resources.

- Comprehension and critical analysis skills of Agricultural Education students are developed through identification and evaluation of animals through media (slides, videos, and computer CD-ROM). **[3.5 - Language Arts Literacy: Viewing and Media Literacy]**

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of two (2) phases including judging classes (12 minutes for each placing class and 15 minutes for each oral reason class) and oral reasons. The number of classes is determined by Delaware Valley College. Material will be distributed to teams prior to the event. A chapter may have a team of three (3) or four (4). The top three (3) scores are used in determining the team's rank. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

(other scoring will occur on the national level)

Phase I - 3** - Placing Cattle Classes - 50 points per class
3** - Placing Sheep Classes - 50 points per class
2** - Placing Hog Classes - 50 points per class

Phase II - 1 - Cattle Reasons - 50 points
1 - Sheep Reasons - 50 points
1 - Hog Reasons - 50 points

Team Total – 1650 points Individual Total - 550

* Data performance sheets may be provided for any given class.

**Number of Classes may vary from year to year

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that correspond to the Livestock Evaluation
Career Development Event.!](#)